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Title: POLYMER ELECTROLYTE FUEL CELL AND METHOD
OF USING THE SAME

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(A))

Applicants in the above-identified application hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to and including January 3, 2005 (January 2 being a Sunday) for responding to the Office Action mailed September 2, 2004 (Paper No. 20040827). An RCE Request and a response to the Office Action accompany this Petition.

- A check in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed herewith.
 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (Billing No. 210059.0400) as noted below. A duplicate copy is enclosed.
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